

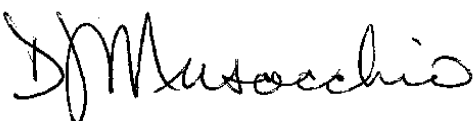
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**DIVERSITY ON COMMITTEES AND TASK GROUPS
POLICY STATEMENT**

This notice reaffirms the FSIS policy to ensure that all of its internal and external committees and task groups are diverse. It is important to draw on the strengths, experiences and different perspectives diversity offers. Only when there is an exchange of ideas and knowledge will our initiatives, decisions, and recommendations benefit all employees and the diverse public we serve.

Our commitment to attain and maintain a diverse workforce carries over to our responsibility to embrace and derive value from the diversity of our employees who serve on these committees and task groups. We must harness talents and perspectives of all employees in our efforts to be an Agency where differences are valued and welcomed.


for Acting Deputy Administrator
Office of Management

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